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**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A rosary comprising:  
a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby;  
at least one sensor; and  
an audible indicator carried by said flexible elongate member for providing an audible indication based upon said at least one sensor.

2. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said flexible elongate member is arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom; and wherein said audible indicator is carried at a junction between the loop and leg.

3. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one sensor is carried by said audible indicator.

4. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein the plurality of beads comprises sets of beads separated by respective transition beads; and wherein said at least one sensor is carried by at least one of said transition beads.

5. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1

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wherein said at least one sensor senses user contact.

6. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1  
wherein said at least one sensor senses a voice of a user.

7. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1  
wherein said audible indicator comprises a recorder for  
recording the audible indication.

8. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1  
wherein said audible indicator comprises a timer for providing  
a different audible indication based upon a calendar date.

9. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1  
wherein the audible indication comprises at least one prayer.

10. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1  
further comprising a visual indicator for providing a visual  
indication based upon said at least one sensor.

11. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10  
wherein said visual indicator comprises a timer for providing  
a different visual indication based upon a calendar date.

12. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10  
wherein the visual indication comprises at least one religious  
image.

13. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10

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wherein the visual indication comprises prayer text.

14. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10 further comprising a switch for permitting user selection of at least one of the audible and visual indication.

15. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10 further comprising a housing mounting at least one of said audible indicator and said visual indicator.

16. (Original) A rosary comprising:  
a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby, said flexible elongate member being arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom;  
at least one sensor; and  
a visual indicator carried by said flexible elongate member at a junction between the loop and the leg for providing a visual indication based upon said at least one sensor.

17. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said at least one sensor is carried by said visual indicator.

18. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein the plurality of beads comprises sets of beads separated by respective transition beads; and wherein said at least one sensor is carried by at least one of said transition beads.

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19. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said at least one sensor senses user contact.

20. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said at least one sensor senses a voice of a user.

21. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said visual indicator comprises a timer for providing a different visual indication based upon a calendar date.

22. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein the visual indication comprises at least one religious image.

23. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein the visual indication comprises prayer text.

24. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 further comprising a housing mounting said visual indicator.

25. (Currently amended) A method to assist a user in reciting and learning prayers associated with a rosary, ~~of providing an audible indication relating to a rosary, the rosary comprising a flexible elongate member, a plurality of beads carried thereby, at least one sensor, and an audible indicator connected to the at least one sensor~~, the method comprising:

providing a rosary including a flexible elongate

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member, a plurality of beads carried thereby, at least one sensor, and an audible indicator connected to the at least one sensor; and

generating [the] an audible indication from the audible indicator based upon the at least one sensor to thereby assist the user in reciting and learning prayers associated with the rosary.

26. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 wherein the flexible elongate member is arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom; and wherein the audible indicator is carried at a junction between the loop and leg.

27. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 wherein the at least one sensor is carried by the audible indicator.

28. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 wherein the plurality of beads comprises sets of beads separated by respective transition beads; and wherein the at least one sensor is carried by at least one of the transition beads.

29. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 further comprising sensing user contact.

30. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 further comprising sensing a voice of a user.

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31. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 further comprising recording the audible indication.

32. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 further comprising providing a different audible indication based upon a calendar date.

33. (Currently amended) A method to assist a user in reciting and learning prayers associated with a rosary, of  
~~providing a visual indication relating to a rosary, the rosary comprising a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby, the flexible member being arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom, the rosary further comprising at least one sensor, and a visual indicator connected to the at least one sensor and carried at a junction between the loop and the leg,~~ the method comprising:

providing a rosary comprising a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby, the flexible member being arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom, the rosary further comprising at least one sensor, and a visual indicator connected to the at least one sensor and carried at a junction between the loop and the leg; and

generating the visual indication from the visual indicator based upon the at least one sensor to thereby assist the user in reciting and learning prayers associated with the rosary.

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34. (Original) A method according to Claim 33 wherein the at least one sensor is carried by the visual indicator.

35. (Original) A method according to Claim 33 wherein the plurality of beads comprises sets of beads separated by respective transition beads; and wherein the at least one sensor is carried by at least one of the transition beads.

36. (Original) A method according to Claim 33 further comprising sensing user contact.

37. (Original) A method according to Claim 33 further comprising sensing a voice of a user.

38. (Original) A method according to Claim 33 further comprising providing a different visual indication based upon a calendar date.